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Macedonia Baptist Church History



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History of Macedonia Baptist Church

SUFFICIENT RECORDS HAVE NOT BEEN PRESERVED DURING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH TO ENABLE AN ADEQUATE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH TO BE WRITTEN.

FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE NO KNOWN CHURCH RECORDS FROM NOVEMBER 28, 1887 UNTIL A YEARLY CHURCH EXPENSE RECORD WAS GIVEN FOR THE YEAR 1907.

THE NEXT RECORD FOUND SHOWS THAT THE CHURCH HELD A CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 5, 1908. THE NEXT RECORD FOUND SHOWS THAT A CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 1909. FROM THIS TIME ON RECORDS HAVE BEEN KEPT ON A FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS. HOWEVER, NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS WERE FOUND IN THE MINUTES OF THE GREEN RIVER AND BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATIONS TO FILL IN MOST OF THE BLANKS IN THE CHURCH RECORD. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING CHURCH HISTORY IS BASED UPON THE EXISTING CHURCH RECORDS, THE MINUTES OF THE GREEN RIVER AND BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATIONS AND UPON THE CHURCH HISTORY THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH AS THE OFFICIAL CHURCH HISTORY ON MAY 3, 1964.

IN ADDITION TO THE CHURCH HISTORY, SOME INFORMATION IS GIVEN ON THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS, 1929 - 1979, OF THE HISTORY OF THE "BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION" OF WHICH MACEDONIA BAPTIST IS A MEMBER.

THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1887 THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF THE CAMP

CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY. A PRESBYTERY COMPOSED OF THE REV. J.E. KING, THE REV. J.C. SORRELS; DEACONS: B. BIGGERSTAFF, G.W. GUFFEY, JAMES BARNES, AND THOMAS JOHNSON. THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD IN A LOG STORE BUILDING NEAR THE PRESENT J.H. SPROUSE HOME THEN KNOWN AS THE UPTON PLACE.

THE NEWLY ORGANIZED CHURCH, WHICH HAD TWELVE CHARTER MEMBERS, WAS NAMED "THE BRACKETTOWN CHURCH" AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION UNTIL JOINING THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION IN 1931.

SHORTLY AFTER THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED, THE MEETING PLACE WAS MOVED TO THE MACEDONIA SCHOOLHOUSE AND WAS RENAMED "THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH."

LATER THE MACEDONIA CHURCH OBTAINED TWO ACRES OF LAND FROM JOHN WATKINS AND ROXANNA WATKINS, HIS WIFE, FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR, AND IT WAS DEEDED TO J. WARD AND B.E. WATKINS, DEACONS OF THE MACEDONIA CHURCH AND TO THEIR SUCCESSORS IN JANUARY 1907. A CHURCH BUILDING WAS BUILT ON THIS PROPERTY, PRESUMABLY SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WITH ROOMS AND OTHER ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS HAVING BEEN MADE OVER THE YEARS SINCE THAT TIME.

IN 1930, WHILE REV. H.C. CULBERTH WAS PASTOR, NEW WEATHERBOARDING WAS PUT ON THE CHURCH BUILDING, AND IT WAS PAINTED. THE TOTAL COST WAS \$148.97.

IN AUGUST 1938, WHILE REV. DEWEY HODGE WAS PASTOR, A NEW ROOF WAS INSTALLED ON THE CHURCH BUILDING, AND ALONG ABOUT THIS TIME THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS UNDER PINNED, AND A NEW WOOD STOVE WAS PURCHASED IN 1940.

IN 1943, WHILE REV. WADE RUFF WAS PASTOR, A NEW PIANO WAS PURCHASED TO REPLACE THE PEDAL ORGAN THAT HAD BEEN IN USE FOR MANY, MANY, YEARS AND DURING THIS YEAR UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REV. WADE RUFF, AN EFFORT WAS MADE TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF YOUNG GIRLS TO TAKE PIANO LESSONS IN ORDER THAT THE CHURCH MIGHT HAVE A FULL TIME PIANIST.

WHILE REV. J.J. GUFFEY WAS PASTOR, FOUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS WERE BUILT ONTO THE CHURCH BUILDING, BENCHES WERE BOUGHT FOR THE AUDITORIUM, A CHURCH BELL WAS INSTALLED, THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS WIRED AND ELECTRICITY WAS PUT IN. A TRAINING UNION WAS STARTED AND ALSO A SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION PROGRAM WAS STARTED.

WHILE REV. DAVID CHATHAM WAS PASTOR, A NEW ROSTRUM WAS BUILT AND NEW PULPIT FURNITURE WAS INSTALLED.

IN 1956, WHILE REV. ROSCOE HUNTLEY WAS PASTOR, THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS REMODELED BY ADDING SHEET ROCK; PAINTING IT AND ALSO INSTALLING CELOTEX OVERHEAD. A NEW HARDWOOD FLOOR WAS PUT IN AND CARPETING LAID, AND IN JUNE OF 1957, A GAS HEATING SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED.

WHILE REV. CECIL SMITH WAS PASTOR, THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS ROOFED, GUTTERING WAS INSTALLED, THE GROUNDS WERE LANDSCAPED IN 1961, AND FOUR ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS WERE BUILT WITH THREE OF THESE ROOMS BEING FURNISHED AND HEAT INSTALLED IN THEM IN 1963. ALSO NEW PEWS WERE PURCHASED AND INSTALLED.

WHILE REV. PAUL STEPP WAS PASTOR, A WELL WAS DUG

AND AN ELECTRIC PUMP INSTALLED, AND A VESTIBULE WAS ADDED ONTO THE CHURCH BUILDING.

WHILE REV. CECIL SMITH WAS PASTOR, 1969 - 1971, FANS WERE INSTALLED TO COOL THE BUILDING. THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS PAINTED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE AND SOME DAMAGED CELOTEX WAS REPAIRED.

WHILE REV. SAM PLESS WAS PASTOR, A UTILITY BUILDING AND A RIDING LAWN MOWER WERE PURCHASED, AND IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE ON THE CEMETERY. ALSO THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS TREATED FOR TERMITES.

WHILE REV. J.D. PLEMMONS WAS PASTOR, THE DRIVEWAY WAS GRAVELED, WOOD PANELLING WAS PUT ACROSS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT, GUTTERING WAS INSTALLED ON THE SIDES OF THE CHURCH BUILDING, BLINDS WERE BOUGHT TO GO ON THE WINDOWS, THE ROOF AND OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING WERE PAINTED AND A CHURCH BUS WAS PURCHASED.

WHILE REV. RICHARD PORTER WAS PASTOR, A WATER FOUNTAIN WAS INSTALLED INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDING, AND THE ROOF WAS REPAIRED. ALONG ABOUT THIS TIME, CUSHIONS WERE PUT ON THE PEWS.

DURING THE TIME REV. T.B. DEESE HAS BEEN PASTOR, THE CHURCH BUILDING HAS BEEN PAINTED INSIDE, BOUGHT A NEW LAWN MOWER WITH GRASS CATCHER, NEW INSIDE BATHROOMS WERE INSTALLED, A NEW UTILITY BUILDING WAS BOUGHT, THE CHURCH BUILDING PAINTED OUTSIDE, INCLUDING ROOF, AN ENCLOSED SIGN WAS BUILT, GIVING NAME OF CHURCH, PASTOR, AND TIME OF SERVICE, A NEW VACUUM CLEANER WAS PURCHASED, A BAPTISTERY WAS BUILT ONTO THE CHURCH BUILDING, A FILM

STRIP PROJECTOR WAS DONATED TO THE CHURCH, INSULATION WAS INSTALLED IN WALLS AND CEILING, STORM WINDOWS WERE INSTALLED, AND A FELLOWSHIP BUILDING WAS BUILT. IT IS COMPLETELY FURNISHED INCLUDING A HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM. ALSO, WE HAVE A SOUND SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN PUT IN THE CHURCH AND FELLOWSHIP BUILDING AND A COVER OVER THE WALKWAY FROM THE CHURCH TO THE FELLOWSHIP BUILDING. HANDRAILS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THE SIDE DOOR.

MACEDONIA CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 1887 BRACKETTOWN:

McDOWELL COUNTY, N.C.

A PRESBYTERY MET ACCORDING TO REQUEST OF SOME BRETHREN AND SISTERS FROM DIFFERENT CHURCHES. AFTER PRAYER AND SOME REMARKS RELATIVE TO A CHURCH WERE MADE BY ELDER JOHN E. KING. THEY FIRST FORMED A PRESBYTERY BY CALLING ELDER JOHN KING TO THE CHAIR, THEN TO EXAMINE ARTICLES OF FAITH. THEN PRONOUNCE THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT HAD LETTERS, "A CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE UNITED BAPTIST FAITH AND ORDER, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SAME."

THEN THE CHURCH WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND WENT INTO AN ELECTION OF ONE DEACON AND ELECTED JAMES GALLION. THEN A PRESBYTERY CONVENED TO ORDAIN REVEREND A. B. MASHBURN FOR THE MINISTRY BY THE CALL OF UNION MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, AND JAMES GALLION FOR DEACON. AFTER DUE EXAMINATION OF REVEREND AUFORD BURTON MASHBURN, HE WAS SOLEMNLY ORDAINED TO THE FULL WORK OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, AND JAMES GALLION DEACON, ELDER J.C. SORRELS, LEADING THE PRAYER.

PRESBYTERY: ELDERS: J.E. KING, J.C. SORRELS.

DEACONS: B. BIGGERSTAFF, G.W. GUFFEY, JAMES BARNES,
THOMAS JOHNSON

CLERK: B. BIGGERSTAFF

BRACKETTOWN, McDOWELL, N.C. MACEDONIA CHURCH:

THE UNDERSIGNED BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF UNITED BAPTIST, HAVING OBTAINED LETTERS FROM DIFFERENT CHURCHES TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH AT BRACKETTOWN, FIRST AGREED TO GIVE OURSELVES TO THE LORD AND THEN TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE BONDS OF THE GOSPEL. TO PROMOTE THE HONOR OF GOD AND ADVANCE HIS CAUSE IN THE WORLD AS FAR AS WE CAN, TAKING THE BIBLE FOR OUR RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE IN ALL THINGS.

WHEN YOU COME TO A NUMBER IN READING THE FOLLOWING "DECLARATION OF FAITH", YOU MAY GO TO THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THAT PARTICULAR PORTION OF THE DECLARATION OF FAITH AND FIND SCRIPTURE AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ON WHICH THAT PORTION OF THE DECLARATION OF FAITH IS BASED.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

I OF THE SCRIPTURES

WE BELIEVE THAT THE HOLY BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY MEN DIVINELY INSPIRED, AND IS A PERFECT TREASURE OF HEAVENLY INSTRUCTION:¹ THAT IT HAS GOD FOR ITS AUTHOR, SALVATION FOR ITS END,² AND TRUTH WITH OUT ANY MIXTURE OF ERROR,

FOR ITS MATTER;³ THAT IT REVEALS THE PRINCIPLE BY WHICH GOD WILL JUDGE US;⁴ AND THEREFORE IS, AND SHALL REMAIN TO THE END OF THE WORLD, THE TRUE CENTER OF CHRISTIAN UNION,⁵ AND THE SUPREME STANDARD BY WHICH ALL HUMAN CONDUCT, CREEDS, AND OPINIONS SHOULD BE TRIED.⁶

PLACED IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17 ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS. (ALSO 2 PETER 1:21, 2 SAMUEL 23:2, ACTS 1:16, 3:21, JOHN 10:35, LUKE 16:29-31, PSALMS 119:111, ROMANS 3:1,2).

² 2 TIMOTHY 3:15 ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION. (ALSO 1 PETER 1:10-12, ACTS 11:14, ROMANS 1:16, MARK 16:16, JOHN 5:38,39).

³ PROVERBS 30:5,6 EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE...ADD THOU NOT UNTO HIS WORDS, LEST HE REPROVE THEE, AND THOU BE FOUND A LIAR. (ALSO JOHN 17:17, REVELATION 22:18,19, ROMANS 3:4).

⁴ ROMANS 2:12 AS MANY AS HAVE SINNED IN THE LAW SHALL BE JUDGED BY THE LAW. JOHN 12:47,48 IF ANY MAN HEAR MY WORDS...THE WORD THAT I HAVE SPOKEN, THE SAME SHALL JUDGE HIM IN THE LAST DAY. (ALSO 1 CORINTHIANS 4:3,4, LUKE 10:10-16, 12:47,48).

⁵ PHILIPPIANS 3:16 LET US WALK BY THE SAME RULE, LET US

MIND THE SAME THING. (ALSO EPHESIANS 4:3-6, PHILIPPIANS 2:1,2, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10, 1 PETER 4:11).

⁶ 1 JOHN 4:1 BELOVED, BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD. ISAIAH 8:20 TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY: IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:21 PROVE ALL THINGS. 2 CORINTHIANS 13:5 PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES. (ALSO ACTS 17:11, 1 JOHN 4:6, JUDE 3, EPHESIANS 6:17, PSALMS 119:59,60, PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11).

II OF THE TRUE GOD

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE, AND ONLY ONE, LIVING AND TRUE GOD AN INFINITE, INTELLIGENT SPIRIT, WHOSE NAME IS JEHOVAH, THE MAKER AND SUPREME RULER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;¹ INEXPRESSIBLY GLORIOUS IN HOLINESS,² AND WORTHY OF ALL POSSIBLE HONOR, CONFIDENCE, AND LOVE;³ THAT IN THE UNITY OF THE GODHEAD THERE ARE THREE PERSONS, THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST;⁴ EQUAL IN EVERY DIVINE PERFECTION,⁵ AND EXECUTING DISTINCT BUT HARMONIOUS OFFICES IN THE GREAT WORK OF REDEMPTION.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ 1 JOHN 4:24 GOD IS A SPIRIT. PSALMS 147:5 HIS UNDERSTANDING IS INFINITE. PSALMS 83:18 THOU, WHOSE NAME ALONE IS JEHOVAH, ART THE MOST HIGH OVER ALL THE

EARTH. (HEBREWS 3:4, ROMANS 1:20, JEREMIAH 10:10).

² EXODUS 15:11 WHO IS LIKE UNTO THEE...GLORIOUS IN HOLINESS. (ISAIAH 6:3, 1 PETER 1:15,16, REVELATION 4:6-8).

³ MARK 12:30 THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH. REVELATIONS 4:11 THOU ART WORTHY, O LORD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND POWER: FOR THOU HAST CREATED ALL THINGS, AND FOR THY PLEASURE THEY ARE AND WERE CREATED. (MATTHEW 10:37, JEREMIAH 2:12,13).

⁴ MATTHEW 28:19 GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. JOHN 15:26 WHEN THE COMFORTER IS COME, WHOM I WILL SEND UNTO YOU FROM THE FATHER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHICH PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER, HE SHALL TESTIFY OF ME. (1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6, 1 JOHN 5:7).

⁵ JOHN 10:30 I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE. (JOHN 5:17,14:23, 17:5,10 ACTS 5:3,4, 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10,11 PHILIPPIANS 2:5,6).

⁶ EPHESIANS 2:18 FOR THROUGH HIM (THE SON) WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS BY ONE SPIRIT UNTO THE FATHER. 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY GHOST, BE WITH YOU ALL. (REVELATION 1:4,5, COMPLETE CHAPTERS 2, 7).

III OF THE FALL OF MAN

WE BELIEVE THAT MAN WAS CREATED IN HOLINESS, UNDER THE LAW OF HIS MAKER;¹ BUT BY VOLUNTARY TRANSGRESSION FELL FROM THAT HOLY AND HAPPY STATE;² IN CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH ALL MANKIND ARE NOW SINNERS,³ NOT BY CONSTRAINT, BUT CHOICE;⁴ BEING BY NATURE UTTERLY VOID OF THAT HOLINESS REQUIRED BY THE LAW OF GOD, POSITIVELY INCLINED TO EVIL; AND THEREFORE UNDER JUST CONDEMNATION TO ETERNAL RUIN,⁵ WITHOUT DEFENSE OR EXCUSE.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ GENESIS 1:27, GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. GENESIS 1:31 AND GOD SAW EVERY THING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND, BEHOLD, IT WAS VERY GOOD. (ECCLESIASTES 7:29, ACTS 17:26-29, GENESIS 2:16,17).

² GENESIS 3:6-24 AND WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD, AND THAT IT WAS PLEASANT TO THE EYES, AND A TREE TO BE DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE, SHE TOOK OF THE FRUIT THEREOF, AND DID EAT, AND GAVE ALSO UNTO HER HUSBAND WITH HER; AND HE DID EAT... SO HE (THE LORD GOD) DROVE OUT THE MAN; AND HE PLACED A FLAMING SWORD WHICH TURNED EVERY WAY, TO KEEP THE WAY OF THE TREE OF LIFE. (ROMANS 5:12).

³ ROMANS 5:19 BY ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS. (JOHN 3:6, PSALMS 51:5, ROMANS 5:15-19, 8:7).

⁴ ISAIAH 53:6 WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN WAY. (GENESIS 6:12, ROMANS 3:9-18).

⁵ EPHESIANS 2:1-3 AMONG WHOM ALSO WE ALL HAD OUR CONVERSATION IN TIMES PAST IN THE LUST OF OUR FLESH, FULFILLING THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH AND OF THE MIND: AND WERE BY NATURE THE CHILDREN OF WRATH, EVEN AS OTHERS. ROMANS 1:18. FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN, WHO HOLD THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. (ROMANS 1:32, 2:1-16, GALATIANS 3:10, MATTHEW 20:15).

⁶ EZEKIEL 18:19,20 YET SAY YE, WHY? DOETH NOT THE SON BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHER? ...THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE. THE SON SHALL NOT BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHER, NEITHER SHALL THE FATHER BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE SON; THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE UPON HIM, AND THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED SHALL BE UPON HIM. ROMANS 1:20. SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE. ROMANS 3:19 THAT EVERY MOUTH MAY BE STOPPED, AND ALL THE WORLD MAY BECOME GUILTY BEFORE GOD. (GALATIANS 3:22)

IV OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

WE BELIEVE THAT THE SALVATION OF SINNERS IS WHOLLY OF GRACE;¹ THROUGH THE MEDIATORIAL OFFICES OF THE SON OF GOD;² WHO BY THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FATHER, FREELY TOOK UPON HIM OUR NATURE, YET WITHOUT SIN;³ HONORED THE DIVINE LAW BY HIS PERSONAL OBEDIENCE,⁴ AND BY HIS DEATH MADE A FULL ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS;⁵ THAT HAVING RISEN FROM THE DEAD HE IS NOW ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN;⁶ AND

UNITING IN HIS WONDERFUL PERSON THE TENDEREST SYMPATHIES WITH DIVINE PERFECTIONS, HE IS EVERY WAY QUALIFIED TO BE A SUITABLE, A COMPASSIONATE, AND ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOR.⁷

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ EPHESIANS 2:8 BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED. (MATTHEW 18:11, 1 JOHN 4:10, 1 CORINTHIANS 3:5,7, ACTS 15:11).

² JOHN 3:16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. (JOHN 1:1-14, HEBREWS 4:14, 12:24).

³ PHILIPPIANS 2:6,7 WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD: BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION AND TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT, AND WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. (HEBREWS 2:9,14, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).

⁴ ISAIAH 42:21 THE LORD IS WELL PLEASED FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE; HE WILL MAGNIFY THE LAW, AND MAKE IT HONORABLE. (PHILIPPIANS 2:8, GALATIANS 4:4,5, ROMANS 3:21).

⁵ ISAIAH 53:4,5 HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES: THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM; AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED. (MATTHEW 20:28, ROMANS 4:25, 3:21-26, 1 JOHN 4:10, 2:2, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-3; HEBREWS 9:13-15).

⁶ HEBREWS 1:8 UNTO THE SON HE SAITH, THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOR EVER AND EVER. (HEBREWS 1:3,8:1, COLOSSIANS 3:1-

4).

⁷ HEBREWS 7:25 WHEREFORE HE IS ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTTERMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM. COLOSSIANS 2:9. FOR IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. HEBREWS 2:18. IN THAT HE HIMSELF HATH SUFFERED BEING TEMPTED, HE IS ABLE TO SUCCOR THEM THAT ARE TEMPTED. (HEBREWS 7:26, PSALMS 89:19, 34).

V OF JUSTIFICATION

WE BELIEVE THAT THE GREAT GOSPEL BLESSING WHICH CHRIST ¹ SECURES TO SUCH AS BELIEVE IN HIM IS JUSTIFICATION;² THAT JUSTIFICATION INCLUDES THE PARDON OF SIN,³ AND THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE ON PRINCIPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS;⁴ THAT IT IS BESTOWED, NOT IN CONSIDERATION OF ANY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE, BUT SOLELY THROUGH FAITH IN THE REDEEMER'S BLOOD;⁵ BY VIRTUE OF WHICH FAITH HIS PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FREELY IMPUTED TO US OF GOD;⁶ THAT IT BRINGS US INTO A STATE OF MOST BLESSED PEACE AND FAVOR WITH GOD, AND SECURES EVERY OTHER BLESSING NEEDFUL FOR TIME AND ETERNITY.⁷

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ JOHN 1:16 OF HIS FULNESS HAVE ALL WE RECEIVED.
(EPHESIANS 3:8)

² ACTS 13:39 BY HIM ALL THAT BELIEVE ARE JUSTIFIED FROM ALL THINGS. (ISAIAH 53:11,12, ROMANS 8:1).

³ ROMANS 5:9 BEING NOW JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM. (ZECHARIAH 13:1, MATTHEW 9:6, ACTS 10:43)

⁴ ROMANS 5:17 THEY WHICH RECEIVE ABUNDANCE OF GRACE AND OF THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL REIGN IN LIFE BY ONE, JESUS CHRIST. (TITUS 3:5-7, 1 PETER 3:7, 1 JOHN 2:25, ROMANS 5:21).

⁵ ROMANS 4:4,5 NOW TO HIM THAT WORKETH IS THE REWARD NOT RECKONED OF GRACE, BUT OF DEBT. BUT TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, BUT BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT JUSTIFIETH THE UNGODLY, HIS FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (ROMANS 5:21,6:23, PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9).

⁶ ROMANS 5:19 BY THE OBEDIENCE OF ONE SHALL MANY BE MADE RIGHTEOUS. (ROMANS 3:24-26,4:23-25, 1 JOHN 2:12).

⁷ ROMANS 5:1,2 BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: BY WHOM ALSO WE HAVE ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE WHEREIN WE STAND, AND REJOICE IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD. ROMANS 5:3 WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS ALSO. ROMANS 5:11 WE ALSO JOY IN GOD. (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30,31, MATTHEW 6:33, 1 TIMOTHY 4:8).

VI OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

WE BELIEVE THAT THE BLESSINGS OF SALVATION ARE MADE FREE TO ALL BY THE GOSPEL;¹ THAT IT IS THE IMMEDIATE

DUTY OF ALL TO ACCEPT THEM BY A CORDIAL, PENITENT, AND OBEDIENT FAITH;² AND THAT NOTHING PREVENTS THE SALVATION OF THE GREATEST SINNER ON EARTH BUT HIS OWN INHERENT DEPRAVITY AND VOLUNTARY REJECTION OF THE GOSPEL;³ WHICH REJECTION INVOLVES HIM IN AN AGGRAVATED CONDEMNATION.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ ISAIAH 55:1 HO, EVERY ONE THAT THIRSTETH, COME YE TO THE WATERS. REVELATION 22:17 WHOSOEVER WILL LET HIM TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY. (LUKE 14:17).

² ROMANS 16:25,26 MY GOSPEL...ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT OF THE EVERLASTING GOD, MADE KNOWN TO ALL NATIONS FOR THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH. (MARK 1:15, ROMANS 1:15-17).

³ JOHN 5:40 YE WILL NOT COME TO ME, THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE. (MATTHEW 23:37, ROMANS 9:32, PROVERBS 1:24, ACTS 13:46).

⁴ JOHN 3:19 AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. (MATTHEW 11:20, LUKE 19:27, 2 THESSALONIANS 1:8).

VII OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

WE BELIEVE THAT, IN ORDER TO BE SAVED, SINNERS MUST BE REGENERATED OR BORN AGAIN,¹ THAT REGENERATED CONSISTS IN GIVING A HOLY DISPOSITION TO THE MIND;² THAT IT IS

EFFECTED, IN A MANNER ABOVE OUR COMPREHENSION, BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CONNECTION WITH DIVINE TRUTH,³ SO AS TO SECURE OUR VOLUNTARY OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL;⁴ AND THAT ITS PROPER EVIDENCE APPEARS IN THE HOLY FRUITS OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH AND NEWNESS OF LIFE.⁵

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ JOHN 3:3 VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. (JOHN 3:6,7, 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14, REVELATION 14:3, 21:27).

² 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE. (EZEKIEL 36:26, DEUTERONOMY 30:6, ROMANS 2:28,29, 5:5, 1 JOHN 4:7).

³ JOHN 3:8 THE WIND BLOWETH WHERE IT LISTETH, AND THOU HEAREST THE SOUND THEREOF, BUT CANST NOT TELL WHENCE IT COMETH, AND WHITHER IT GOETH: SO IS EVERY ONE THAT IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT. JOHN 1:13. WHICH WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD, NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH, NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF GOD. JAMES 1:16-18. OF HIS OWN WILL BEGAT HE US WITH THE WORD OF TRUTH. (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30, PHILIPPIANS 2:13).

⁴ 1 PETER 1:22-25 YE HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT. 1 JOHN 5:1. WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST IS BORN OF GOD. (EPHESIANS 4:20-24, COLOSSIANS 3:9-11).

⁵ EPHESIANS 5:9 THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS IN ALL GOODNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH. (ROMANS 8:9, GALATIANS 5:16-23, EPHESIANS 2:14-21, MATTHEW 3:8-10, 7:20 1 JOHN 5:4,18).

VIII OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

WE BELIEVE THAT REPENTANCE AND FAITH ARE SACRED DUTIES, AND ALSO INSEPARABLE GRACES, WROUGHT IN OUR SOUL BY THE REGENERATING SPIRIT OF GOD;¹ WHEREBY, BEING DEEPLY CONVINCED OF OUR GUILT, DANGER, AND HELPLESSNESS, AND OF THE WAY OF SALVATION BY CHRIST,² WE TURN TO GOD WITH UNFEIGNED CONTRITION, CONFESSION, AND SUPPLICATION FOR MERCY;³ AT THE SAME TIME HEARTILY RECEIVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS OUR PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING, AND RELYING ON HIM ALONE AS THE ONLY AND ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOUR.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ MARK 1:15 REPENT YE, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL. ACTS 11:18⁷ THEN HATH GOD ALSO TO THE GENTILES GRANTED REPENTANCE UNTO LIFE. EPHESIANS 2:8 BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD. 1 JOHN 5:1 WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST IS BORN OF GOD.

² JOHN 16:8 HE WILL REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN, AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF JUDGEMENT. ACTS 2:37,38 THEY

WERE PRICKED IN THEIR HEART, AND SAID...MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. (ACTS 16:30,31).

³ LUKE 18:13 AND THE PUBLICAN...SMOTE UPON HIS BREAST, SAYING, GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER. (LUKE 15:18-21, JAMES 4:7-10, 2 CORINTHIANS 7:11, ROMANS 10:12,13, PSALMS 51).

⁴ ROMANS 10:9-11 IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, AND SHALT BELIEVE IN THINE HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, THOU SHALT BE SAVED. (ACTS 3:22,23, HEBREWS 4:14, PSALMS 2:6, HEBREWS 1:8,7:25, 2 TIMOTHY 1:12).

IX OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

WE BELIEVE THAT ELECTION IS THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD, ACCORDING TO WHICH HE GRACIOUSLY REGENERATES, SANCTIFIES, AND SAVES SINNERS;¹ THAT BEING PERFECTLY CONSISTENT WITH THE FREE AGENCY OF MAN, IT COMPREHENDS ALL THE MEANS IN CONNECTION WITH THE END;² THAT IT IS A MOST GLORIOUS DISPLAY OF GOD'S SOVEREIGN GOODNESS, BEING INFINITELY FREE, WISE, HOLY AND UNCHANGEABLE;³ THAT IT UTTERLY EXCLUDES BOASTING, AND PROMOTES HUMILITY, LOVE, PRAYER, PRAISE, TRUST IN GOD, AND ACTIVE IMITATION OF HIS FREE MERCY;⁴ THAT IT ENCOURAGES THE USE OF MEANS IN THE HIGHEST DEGREE;⁵ THAT IT MAY BE ASCERTAINED BY ITS

EFFECTS IN ALL WHO TRULY BELIEVE THE GOSPEL;⁶ THAT IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE;⁷ AND THAT TO ASCERTAIN IT WITH REGARD TO OURSELVES DEMANDS AND DESERVES THE UTMOST DILIGENCE.⁸

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ 2 TIMOTHY 1:8,9 BE NOT THEREFORE ASHAMED OF THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORD, NOR OF ME HIS PRISONER: BUT BE THOU PARTAKER OF THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE GOSPEL, ACCORDING TO THE POWER OF GOD: WHO HATH SAVED US, AND CALLED US WITH A HOLY CALLING, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE, WHICH WAS GIVEN US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN. (EPHESIANS 1:3-14, 1 PETER 1:1,2, ROMANS 11:5,6, JOHN 15:16, 1 JOHN 4:19).

² 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13,14 BUT WE ARE BOUND TO GIVE THANKS ALWAYS TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN BELOVED OF THE LORD, BECAUSE GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH: WHEREUNTO HE CALLED YOU BY OUR GOSPEL, TO THE OBTAINING OF THE GLORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (ACTS 13:48, JOHN 10:16, MATTHEW 20:16, ACTS 15:14).

³ EXODUS 33:18,19 AND HE (MOSES) SAID, I BESEECH THEE, SHEW ME THY GLORY. AND HE SAID, I WILL MAKE ALL MY GOODNESS PASS BEFORE THEE, AND I WILL PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD BEFORE THEE; AND WILL BE GRACIOUS TO WHOM I

WILL BE GRACIOUS, AND WILL SHEW MERCY ON WHOM I WILL SHEW MERCY. MATTHEW 20:15 IS IT NOT LAWFUL FOR ME TO DO WHAT I WILL WITH MINE OWN? IS THINE EYE EVIL, BECAUSE I AM GOOD? (EPHESIANS 1:11, ROMANS 9:23,24, JEREMIAH 31:3, ROMANS 11:28,29 JAMES 1:17,18, 2 TIMOTHY 1:9, ROMANS 11:32-36).

⁴ 1 CORINTHIANS 4:7 FOR WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER FROM ANOTHER? AND WHAT HAST THOU THAT THOU DIDST NOT RECEIVE? NOW IF THOU DIDST RECEIVE IT, WHY DOST THOU GLORY, AS IF THOU HADST NOT RECEIVED IT? (1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31, ROMANS 3:27,4:16, COLOSSIANS 3:12, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:10, 1 PETER 5:10, 1 THESSALONIANS 2:12,13, 1 PETER 2:9, LUKE 18:7).

⁵ 2 TIMOTHY 2:10 THEREFORE I ENDURE ALL THINGS FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE, THAT THEY MAY ALSO OBTAIN THE SALVATION WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS WITH ETERNAL GLORY. 1 CORINTHIANS 9:22 I AM MADE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN, THAT I MIGHT BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME. (JOHN 6:37-40, 2 PETER 1:10).

⁶ 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-10 KNOWING BRETHREN BELOVED, YOUR ELECTION OF GOD. FOR OUR GOSPEL CAME NOT UNTO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE.

⁷ ROMANS 8:28-31 MOREOVER, WHOM HE DID PREDESTINATE, THEM HE ALSO CALLED: AND WHOM HE CALLED, THEM HE ALSO JUSTIFIED: AND WHOM HE JUSTIFIED, THEM HE ALSO GLORIFIED. WHAT SHALL WE THEN SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD BE FOR US WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? (ISAIAH 42:16,

ROMANS 11:29).

⁸ 2 PETER 1:10,11 WHEREFORE THE RATHER, BRETHREN, GIVE DILIGENCE TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: FOR IF YE DO THESE THINGS, WE SHALL NEVER FALL: FOR SO AN ENTRANCE SHALL BE MINISTERED UNTO YOU ABUNDANTLY INTO THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. (PHILIPPIANS 3:12, HEBREWS 6:11).

X OF SANCTIFICATION

WE BELIEVE THAT SANCTIFICATION IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD, WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS;¹ THAT IT IS A PROGRESSIVE WORK;² THAT IT IS BEGUN IN REGENERATION;³ AND THAT IT IS CARRIED ON IN THE HEARTS OF BELIEVERS BY THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE SEALER AND COMFORTER, IN THE CONTINUAL USE OF THE APPOINTED MEANS, ESPECIALLY THE WORD OF GOD, SELF-EXAMINATION, SELF-DENIAL, WATCHFULNESS, AND PRAYER.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3 FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23 AND THE VERY GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY. (2 CORINTHIANS 7:1,13:9, EPHESIANS 1:4).

² PROVERBS 4:18 THE PATH OF THE JUST IS AS THE SHINING LIGHT, THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY.

(HEBREWS 6:1, 2 PETER 1:5-8, PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16).

³ 1 JOHN 2:29 IF YE KNOW THAT HE (GOD) IS RIGHTEOUS, YE KNOW THAT EVERY ONE THAT DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BORN OF HIM. ROMANS 8:5 THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE FLESH DO MIND THE THINGS OF THE FLESH; BUT THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE SPIRIT, THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT. (JOHN 3:6, PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11).

⁴ PHILIPPIANS 2:12,13 WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING: FOR IT IS GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS PLEASURE. (EPHESIANS 4:11,12,30, 6:18, 1 PETER 2:2, 2 PETER 3:18, 2 CORINTHIANS 13:5, LUKE 9:23, 11:35, MATTHEW 26:41, EPHESIANS 6:18).

XI OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS

WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH ONLY ARE REAL BELIEVERS AS ENDURE UNTO THE END;¹ THAT THEIR PERSEVERING ATTACHMENT TO CHRIST IS THE GRAND MARK WHICH DISTINGUISHES THEM FROM SUPERFICIAL PROFESSORS;² THAT A SPECIAL PROVIDENCE WATCHES OVER THEIR WELFARE;³ AND THAT THEY ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ JOHN 8:31 THEN SAID JESUS, ...IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED. (1 JOHN 2:27,28, 3:9, 5:18).

² 1 JOHN 2:19 THEY WENT OUT FROM US, BUT THEY WERE NOT OF US; FOR IF THEY HAD BEEN OF US, THEY WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE CONTINUED WITH US: BUT THEY WENT OUT, THAT THEY MIGHT BE MADE MANIFEST THAT THEY WERE NOT ALL OF US. (JOHN 13:18, MATTHEW 13:20,21 JOHN 6:66-69.)

³ ROMANS 8:28 AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. (MATTHEW 6:30-33, JEREMIAH 32:40, PSALMS 121:2, 91:11,12).

⁴ PHILIPPIANS 1:6 HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST. (PHILIPPIANS 2:12,13, JUDE 24, 25, HEBREWS 1:14, 13:5, 1 JOHN 4:4).

XII OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAW OF GOD IS THE ETERNAL AND UNCHANGEABLE RULE OF HIS MORAL GOVERNMENT;¹ THAT IT IS HOLY, JUST AND GOOD;² AND THAT THE INABILITY WHICH THE SCRIPTURES ASCRIBE TO FALLEN MEN TO FULFIL ITS PRECEPTS ARISES ENTIRELY FROM THEIR LOVE OF SIN;³ TO DELIVER THEM FROM WHICH, AND TO RESTORE THEM THROUGH A MEDIATOR TO UNFEIGNED OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY LAW IS ONE GREAT END OF THE GOSPEL, AND OF THE MEANS OF GRACE CONNECTED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VISIBLE CHURCH.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ ROMANS 3:31 DO WE THEN MAKE VOID THE LAW THROUGH FAITH? GOD FORBID: YEA, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW. (MATTHEW 5:17, LUKE 16:17, ROMANS 3:20, 4:15).

² ROMANS 7:12 THE LAW IS HOLY, AND THE COMMANDMENT HOLY, AND JUST AND GOOD. (ROMANS 7:7,14,22, GALATIANS 3:21, PSALMS 119).

³ ROMANS 8:7,8 THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD: FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE. SO THEN THEY THAT ARE IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD. (JOSHUA 24:19, JEREMIAH 13:23, JOHN 6:44, 5:44).

⁴ ROMANS 8:2-4 FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS HATH MADE ME FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. FOR WHAT THE LAW COULD NOT DO, IN THAT IT WAS WEAK THROUGH THE FLESH, GOD SENDING HIS OWN SON IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH, AND FOR SIN, CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH: THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT. (ROMANS 10:4, HEBREWS 8:10,12:14, JUDE 20, 21).

XIII OF A GOSPEL CHURCH

WE BELIEVE THAT A VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS A CONGREGATION OF BAPTIZED BELIEVERS,¹ ASSOCIATED BY COVENANT IN THE FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL;² OBSERVING THE ORDINANCES OF CHRIST;³ GOVERNED BY HIS LAW;⁴ AND EXERCISING THE GIFTS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES

INVESTED IN THEM BY HIS WORD;⁵ THAT ITS ONLY SCRIPTURAL OFFICERS ARE BISHOPS, OR PASTORS, AND DEACONS,⁶ WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS, CLAIMS, AND DUTIES ARE DEFINED IN THE EPISTLES TO TIMOTHY AND TITUS.

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-13 PAUL...UNTO THE CHURCH OF GOD WHICH IS AT CORINTH...IS CHRIST DIVIDED? WAS PAUL CRUCIFIED FOR YOU? OR WERE YE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF PAUL? (MATTHEW 18:17, ACTS 5:11,8:1,11:21-23, 1 CORINTHIANS 4:17,14:23, 3 JOHN 9).

² ACTS 2:41,42 THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED: AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED UNTO THEM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS. 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 THEY...FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES TO THE LORD, AND UNTO US BY THE WILL OF GOD. (ACTS 2:47, 1 CORINTHIANS 5:12,13).

³ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:2 NOW I PRAISE YOU, BRETHREN, THAT YE REMEMBER ME IN ALL THING, AND KEEP THE ORDINANCES, AS I DELIVERED THEM TO YOU. (2 THESSALONIANS 3:6, ROMANS 16:17-20, 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-34, MATTHEW 18:15-20, 2 CORINTHIANS 2:17, 1 CORINTHIANS 4:17).

⁴ MATTHEW 28:20 TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. (JOHN 14:15, 15:12, 1 JOHN 4:21, JOHN 14:21, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:2, 2 JOHN 6, GALATIANS 6:2, ALL THE EPISTLES.)

⁵ EPHESIANS 4:7 UNTO EVERY ONE OF US IS GIVEN GRACE

ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST. 1
CORINTHIANS 14:12, SEEK THAT YE MAY EXCEL TO THE
EDIFYING OF THE CHURCH. PHILIPPIANS 1:27, THAT...I MAY
HEAR OF YOUR AFFAIRS, THAT YE STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT,
WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE
GOSPEL.

⁶ PHILIPPIANS 1:1 WITH THE BISHOPS AND DEACONS. (ACTS
14:23, 15:22, 1 TIMOTHY 3, TITUS 1)

XIV OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE BELIEVE THAT CHRISTIAN BAPTISM IS THE IMMERSION
IN WATER OF A BELIEVER,¹ INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST;² TO SHOW FORTH, IN A SOLEMN
AND BEAUTIFUL EMBLEM, OUR FAITH IN THE CRUCIFIED,
BURIED, AND RISEN SAVIOUR, WITH ITS EFFECT IN OUR DEATH
TO SIN AND RESURRECTION TO A NEW LIFE;³ THAT IT IS
PREREQUISITE TO THE PRIVILEGES OF A CHURCH RELATION; AND
TO THE LORD'S SUPPER;⁴ IN WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE
CHURCH, BY THE SACRED USE OF BREAD AND WINE ARE TO
COMMEMORATE TOGETHER THE DYING LOVE OF CHRIST;⁵ PRECEDED
ALWAYS BY SOLEMN SELF-EXAMINATION.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ ACTS 8:36-39 AND THE EUNUCH SAID, SEE, HERE IS WATER;
WHAT DOETH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED? AND PHILIP SAID, IF
THOU BELIEVEST WITH ALL THINE HEART, THOU MAYEST...AND

THEY WENT DOWN BOTH INTO THE WATER, BOTH PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH; AND HE BAPTIZED HIM. (MATTHEW 3:5,6, JOHN 3:22,23,4:1,2, MATTHEW 28:19, MARK 16:16, ACTS 2:38,8:12,16:32-34,18:8).

² MATTHEW 28:19 BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. (ACTS 10:47,48, GALATIANS 3:27,28).

³ ROMANS 6:4 THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH; THAT LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. (COLOSSIANS 2:12, 1 PETER 3:20,21, ACTS 22:16).

⁴ ACTS 2:41,42 THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED: AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED UNTO THEM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS. AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS. (MATTHEW 28:19,20, ACTS AND EPISTLES).

⁵ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 AS OFTEN AS YE EAT THIS BREAD, AND DRINK THIS CUP, YE DO SHEW THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COME. (MATTHEW 26:26-29, MARK 14:22-25, LUKE 22:14-20).

⁶ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:28 BUT LET A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF, AND SO LET HIM EAT OF THAT BREAD, AND DRINK OF THAT CUP. (1 CORINTHIANS 5:1,8,10:3-32,11:17-32, JOHN 6:26-71.)

XV OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

WE BELIEVE THAT THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IS THE

LORD'S DAY, OR CHRISTIAN SABBATH;¹ AND IS TO BE KEPT SACRED TO RELIGIOUS PURPOSES,² BY ABSTAINING FROM ALL SECULAR LABOR AND SINFUL RECREATIONS;³ BY THE DEVOUT OBSERVANCE OF ALL THE MEANS OF GRACE, BOTH PRIVATE⁴ AND PUBLIC;⁵ AND BY PREPARATION FOR THAT REST THAT REMAINETH FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ ACTS 20:7 UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE DISCIPLES CAME TOGETHER TO BREAK BREAD, PAUL PREACHED UNTO THEM. (GENESIS 2:3, COLOSSIANS 2:16,17, MARK 2:27, JOHN 20:19, 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1,2).

² EXODUS 20:8 REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY. REVELATION 1:10 I WAS IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY PSALMS 118:24 THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HATH MADE; WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

³ ISAIAH 58:13,14 IF THOU TURN AWAY THY FOOT FROM THE SABBATH, FROM DOING THY PLEASURE ON MY HOLY DAY; AND CALL THE SABBATH A DELIGHT, THE HOLY OF THE LORD, HONORABLE; AND SHALT HONOR HIM, NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS, NOR FINDING THINE OWN PLEASURE, NOR SPEAKING THINE OWN WORDS: THEN SHALT THOU DELIGHT THYSELF IN THE LORD; AND I WILL CAUSE THEE TO RIDE UPON THE HIGH PLACES OF THE EARTH, AND FEED THEE WITH THE HERITAGE OF JACOB.

⁴ PSALMS 118:15 THE VOICE OF REJOICING AND SALVATION IS IN THE TABERNACLES OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

⁵ HEBREWS 10:24,25NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF

OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS. ACTS
11:26 A WHOLE YEAR THEY ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES WITH THE
CHURCH, AND TAUGHT MUCH PEOPLE.
⁶ HEBREWS 4:3-11 LET US LABOR THEREFORE TO ENTER INTO
THAT REST.

XVI OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

WE BELIEVE THAT CIVIL GOVERNMENT IS OF DIVINE
APPOINTMENT, FOR THE INTERESTS AND GOOD ORDER OF HUMAN
SOCIETY;¹ AND THAT MAGISTRATES ARE TO BE PRAYED FOR,
CONSCIENTIOUSLY HONORED AND OBEYED;² EXCEPT ONLY IN
THINGS OPPOSED TO THE WILL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,³
WHO IS THE ONLY LORD OF THE CONSCIENCE, AND THE PRINCE
OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ ROMANS 13:1-7 THE POWERS THAT BE ARE ORDAINED OF GOD.
...FOR RULERS ARE NOT A TERROR TO GOOD WORKS, BUT TO THE
EVIL. (DEUTERONOMY 16:18, 2 SAMUEL 23:3, EXODUS 18:21-
23, JEREMIAH 30:21).

² MATTHEW 22:21 RENDER THEREFORE UNTO CAESAR THE
THINGS WHICH ARE CAESAR'S AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT
ARE GOD'S. (TITUS 3:1, 1 PETER 2:13, 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-3).

³ ACTS 5:29 WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.
MATTHEW 10:28 FEAR NOT THEM WHICH KILL THE BODY, BUT
ARE NOT ABLE TO KILL THE SOUL. (DANIEL 3:15-18, 6:7-10,

ACTS 4:18-20).

⁴ MATTHEW 23:10 ONE IS YOUR MASTER, EVEN CHRIST.
ROMANS 14:4 WHO ARE THOU THAT JUDGEST ANOTHER MAN'S
SERVANT? REVELATION 19:16 AND HE HATH ON HIS VESTURE
AND ON HIS THIGH A NAME WRITTEN, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD
OF LORDS. (PSALMS 72:11, PSALMS 2, ROMANS 14:9-13).

XVII OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A RADICAL AND ESSENTIAL
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED;¹ THAT
SUCH ONLY AS THROUGH FAITH ARE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD JESUS, AND SANCTIFIED BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD,
ARE TRULY RIGHTEOUS IN HIS ESTEEM;² WHILE ALL SUCH AS
CONTINUE IN IMPENITENCE AND UNBELIEF ARE IN HIS SIGHT
WICKED AND UNDER THE CURSE;³ AND THIS DISTINCTION HOLDS
AMONG MEN BOTH IN AND AFTER DEATH.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ MALACHI 3:18 THEN SHALL YE RETURN, AND DISCERN
BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED, BETWEEN HIM THAT
SERVETH GOD AND HIM THAT SERVETH HIM NOT. (PROVERBS
12:26, ISAIAH 5:20, GENESIS 18:23, ACTS 10:34,35, ROMANS
6:16).

² ROMANS 1:17 THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH ROMANS 7:6
WE ARE DELIVERED FROM THE LAW, THAT BEING DEAD WHEREIN
WE WERE HELD; THAT WE SHOULD SERVE IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT,

AND NOT IN THE OLDNESS OF THE LETTER. 1 JOHN 2:29 IF YE KNOW THAT HE IS RIGHTEOUS, YE KNOW THAT EVERY ONE THAT DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BORN OF HIM. (1 JOHN 3:7, ROMANS 6:18,22, 1 CORINTHIANS 11:32, PROVERBS 11:31, 1 PETER 4:17,18).

³ 1 JOHN 5:19 AND WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF GOD, AND THE WHOLE WORLD LIETH IN WICKEDNESS. GALATIANS 3:10 AS MANY AS ARE OF THE WORKS OF THE LAW, ARE UNDER THE CURSE. (JOHN 3:36, ISAIAH 57:21, PSALMS 10:4, ISAIAH 55:6,7).

⁴ PROVERBS 14:32 THE WICKED IS DRIVEN AWAY IN HIS WICKEDNESS: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS HATH HOPE IN HIS DEATH. SEE ALSO, THE EXAMPLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS. LUKE 16:25 THOU IN THY LIFE TIME RECEIVEDST THY GOOD THINGS, AND LIKE WISE LAZARUS EVIL THINGS: BUT NOW HE IS COMFORTED, AND THOU ARE TORMENTED. (JOHN 8:21-24, PROVERBS 10:24, LUKE 12:4,5,9:23-26, JOHN 12:25,26, ECCLESIASTES 3:17, MATTHEW 7:13,14).

XVIII OF THE WORLD TO COME

WE BELIEVE THAT THE END OF THE WORLD IS APPROACHING;¹ THAT AT THE LAST DAY CHRIST WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN,² AND RAISE THE DEAD FROM THE GRAVE TO FINAL RETRIBUTION;³ THAT A SOLEMN SEPARATION WILL THEN TAKE PLACE;⁴ THAT THE WICKED WILL BE ADJUDGE TO ENDLESS PUNISHMENT, AND THE RIGHTEOUS TO ENDLESS JOY;⁵ AND THAT THIS JUDGEMENT WILL FIX FOREVER THE FINAL STATE OF MEN

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT

¹ 1 PETER 4:7 BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND: BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER. (1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31, HEBREWS 1:10-12, MATTHEW 25:31,28:20,13:39-43, 1 JOHN 2:17, 2 PETER 3:3-13).

² ACTS 1:11 THIS SAME JESUS, WHICH WAS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN. (REVELATION 1:7, HEBREWS 9:28, ACTS 3:21, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18,5:1-11).

³ ACTS 24:15 THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST. (1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-58, LUKE 14:14, DANIEL 12:2, JOHN 5:28,29,6:40,11:25,26, ACTS 10:42).

⁴ MATTHEW 13:49 THE ANGLES SHALL COME FORTH, AND SEVER THE WICKED FROM AMONG THE JUST. (MATTHEW 13:37-43,24:30,31,25:31-33).

⁵ MATTHEW 25:31-46 AND THESE SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL REVELATION 22:11 HE THAT IS UNJUST, LET HIM BE UNJUST STILL AND HE WHICH IS FILTHY, LET HIM BE FILTHY STILL: AND HE THAT IS RIGHTEOUS, LET HIM BE RIGHTEOUS STILL AND HE THAT IS HOLY LET HIM BE HOLY STILL. (1 CORINTHIANS 6:9,10, MARK 9:43-48, 2 PETER 2:9, JUDE 7, PHILIPPIANS 3:19, ROMANS 6:23 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10,11, JOHN 4:36, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18).

⁶ ROMANS 3:5,6 IS GOD UNRIGHTEOUS WHO TAKETH VENGEANCE?
(I SPEAK AS A MAN) GOD FORBID: FOR HOW THEN SHALL GOD
JUDGE THE WORLD? 2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-12 SEEING IT IS A
RIGHTEOUS THING WITH GOD TO RECOMPENSE TRIBULATION TO
THEM THAT TROUBLE YOU, AND TO YOU WHO ARE TROUBLED REST
WITH US...WHEN HE SHALL COME TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS
SAINTS, AND TO BE ADMIRERD IN ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE.
(HEBREWS 6:1,2, 1 CORINTHIANS 4:5, ACTS 17:31, ROMANS
2:2-16, REVELATION 20:11,12, 1 JOHN 2:28,4:17).

SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED,
WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY
CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS, LOOKING FOR AND HASTING UNTO
THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD. 2 PETER 3:11,12.

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CHURCH RULES OF MACEDONIA

1. ALL OF THE MEMBERS SHALL STRICTLY OBSERVE AND KEEP THE CONSTITUTION.
2. ALL MALE MEMBERS MISSING MORE THAN THREE MEETINGS SHALL RENDER THEIR EXCUSE TO THE CHURCH FOR SO DOING.
3. CHURCH IN MEETING IN CONFERENCE SHALL OPEN THE SAME WITH PRAYER, EXHORTATION, PREACHING OR BOTH.
4. THE PREACHER IN CHARGE SHALL ALWAYS ACT AS MODERATOR IF PRESENT, AND IF NOT SOME OTHER TO BE CHOSEN FOR THAT TIME WHOSE DUTY IT SHALL BE TO OPEN THE CHURCH DOORS FOR THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS IF THOUGHT NECESSARY, PRESERVING GOOD ORDER DURING CONFERENCE, AND TAKE THE VOTE OF THE CHURCH ON ACTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE IT; GIVEN NO VOTE HIMSELF UNLESS THE CHURCH IS TIED.
5. THE CLERK SHALL READ ALL THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHURCH, AND IF ABSENT, ONE SHALL BE APPOINTED PRO TEM.
6. IF ANY BROTHER OR SISTER HAS ANY OCCASION TO SPEAK IN THE CHURCH CONFERENCE, THEY SHALL ARISE FROM THEIR SEAT AND ADDRESS THE CHAIR BY THE APPLICATION OF BROTHER MODERATOR.
7. ALL MEMBERS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHT TO SPEAK IN TURN, BUT NO MORE THAN ONE WILL WITHOUT PERMISSION.
8. A MAJORITY OF THE CHURCH SHALL RULE IN ALL CASES, EXCEPT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN THAT ALL MUST BE AGREED.

9. IF THERE SHALL BE ANY MATTER OF DIFFICULTY WITH MEMBERS BEFORE THE CHURCH, IT SHALL BE CONVAST WITH GRAVITY AND ALL PERSONAL REFLECTIONS CAREFULLY AVOIDED.
10. ALL MALE MEMBERS SHALL BEAR AN EQUAL PORTION OF THE CHURCH EXPENSES ACCORDING TO THEIR WORTH.
11. ANY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TALKING, OR LAUGHING, OR WALKING ABOUT IN THE TIME OF CONFERENCE WITHOUT NECESSARY CAUSE, IT SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A BREACH OF DECORUM.
12. THE RULES OF DECORUM ARE TO BE READ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONFERENCE, AND THE DECLARATION OF FAITH AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.
13. RESOLVE THAT WE WILL NOT HOLD ANY MEMBER IN FULL FELLOW-SHIP WITH US WHO MAKES, BUYS, AND SELLS OR DRINKS THE INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE. OFFERED BY A.B. MASHBURN AND ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH.
14. RESOLVE THAT WE WILL NOT HOLD ANY MEMBER IN FULL FELLOW-SHIP WITH US THAT PLAYS CARDS OR GAMBLES IN ANY WAY. OFFERED BY A.B. MASHBURN AND ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH.

CHURCH COVENANT

HAVING BEEN LED, AS WE BELIEVE, BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOUR;

AND, ON THE PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH, HAVING BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, WE DO NOW, IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, ANGLES, AND THIS ASSEMBLY, MOST SOLEMNLY AND JOYFULLY ENTER INTO COVENANT WITH ONE ANOTHER, AS ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

WE ENGAGE, THEREFORE, BY THE AID OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO WALK TOGETHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE; TO STRIVE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHURCH, IN KNOWLEDGE, HOLINESS, AND COMFORT; TO PROMOTE ITS PROSPERITY AND SPIRITUALITY; AND TO SUSTAIN ITS WORSHIP, ORDINANCES, DISCIPLINE AND DOCTRINES; TO CONTRIBUTE CHEERFULLY AND REGULARLY TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY, AND THE EXPENSES OF THE CHURCH, THE RELIEF OF THE POOR, AND THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL THROUGH ALL NATIONS.

WE ALSO ENGAGE TO MAINTAIN FAMILY AND SECRET DEVOTION; TO RELIGIOUSLY EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN; TO SEEK THE SALVATION OF OUR KINDRED AND ACQUAINTANCES; TO WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY IN THE WORLD; TO BE JUST IN OUR DEALINGS, FAITHFUL IN OUR ENGAGEMENTS, AND EXEMPLARY IN OUR DEPORTMENT; TO AVOID ALL TATTING, BACKBITING, AND EXCESSIVE ANGER; TO ABSTAIN FROM THE SALE AND USE OF INTOXICATING DRINKS AS A BEVERAGE, AND TO BE ZEALOUS IN OUR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF OUR SAVIOUR.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE SERVED AS PASTORS:

1.	A.B. MASHBURN	1887-1908
2.	B.B. HARRIS	1908-1914
3.	A.L. LIMERICK	1914-1917
4.	J.L. HODGE	1917-1923
5.	J.W. WISE	1923-1924
6.	J.L. HODGE	1924-1925
7.	W.R. WHITE	1925-1928
8.	J.H. SMITH	1928-1929
9.	H.C. CULBRETH	1929-1931
10.	M.V. SNIPES	1931-1935
11.	R.R. COOKE	1935-1936
12.	D.W. HODGE	1936-1942
13.	WADE RUFF	1942-1946
14.	J.J. GUFFEY	1946-1952
15.	DAVID CHATHAM	1952-1953
16.	ROSCOE HUNTLEY	1953-1958
17.	CECIL SMITH	1958-1965
18.	PAUL STEPP	1966-1969
19.	CECIL SMITH	1969-1971
20.	SAM PLESS	1971-1974
21.	J.D. PLEMMONS	1974-1977
22.	RICHARD PORTER	1977-1979
23.	T.B. DEESE	1979-PRESENT

PERSONS LICENSED AND/OR ORDAINED TO PREACH THE
GOSPEL:

	DATE	DATE
NAME:	LICENSED:	ORDAINED:
T.C. McDANIEL	SEPTEMBER 7, 1913	JULY 25, 1914
J.W. WISE		DEC. 6, 1919
W.B. SEAMAN	NOVEMBER 1, 1924	
J.A. DANIEL	DECEMBER 6, 1924	
DAVID DOWDLE	MARCH 13, 1949	DEC. 28, 1952
JACK GUFFEY JR.	DECEMBER 8, 1951	
DONALD GUFFEY	DECEMBER 8, 1951	

DEACONS:

ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE RECORDS THE FOLLOWING MEN HAVE
SERVED AS DEACONS:

NAME:	DATE ORDAINED:
JAMES GALLION	SEPTEMBER 20, 1887
WILLIAM BRUNNER	
JETHRO WARD	
BEULO WATKINS	
JACOB A. GALLION	JANUARY 1, 1910
GEORGE F. RHOM	JANUARY 1, 1910
I.T. WISE	SEPTEMBER 28, 1914
W.E. WATKINS	SEPTEMBER 28, 1914
T.W. ARROWOOD	MAY 31, 1924
W.B. SEAMAN	MAY 31, 1924
GARLAND SUTTLES	NOVEMBER 26, 1936
J.H. SPROUSE	JUNE 15, 1939
DEWEY ARROWOOD	JUNE 15, 1939
JOE A. SEAMAN	JUNE 13, 1948
PINK LEWIS	JUNE 13, 1948
JAMES A. GALLION	JUNE 10, 1951
CLARENCE PERDIEU	FEBRUARY 22, 1959
ARTHUR COLLINS	APRIL 21, 1968
GATHER RHOM	NOVEMBER 9, 1975

CHURCH CLERKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WILLIAM WALKER	1887
J.M. WATKINS	1888
B.C. WATKINS	1889
B.E. WATKINS	1890-1892
B.A. WATKINS	1892
B.E. WATKINS	1893-1895
NO RECORD	1896
B.E. WATKINS	1897
J.M. WATKINS	1898-1900
NO RECORD	1901
J.M. WATKINS	1902
G.M. WATKINS	1903
NO RECORD	1904
B.E. WATKINS	1905-1907
J.A. BIRD	1907
GEORGE RHOM	1908
B.E. WATKINS	1909-1911
NO RECORD	1911
G.F. RHOM	1912-1915
I.T. WISE	1915-1918
J.W. WISE	1918
B.T. GALLION	1919
C.C. LAWING	1920-1923
G.F. RHOM	1923-1925
C.C. LAWING	1925-1927

T.W. ARROWOOD	1927-1931
B.T. GALLION	1931-1934
G.F. RHOM	1934
B.T. GALLION	1935
SARAH WATKINS	1936-1945
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1945-1948
J.A. SEAMAN	1948-1950
JAMES GALLION	1950-1978
PAT SUMLIN	1978-PRESENT

ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE RECORDS THE FOLLOWING HAVE SERVED
AS CHURCH TREASURERS:

J.A. GALLION	1909-1925
HENRY SPROUSE	1925-1926
J.A. GALLION	1926-1928
W.B. SEAMAN	1928-1929
J.A. GALLION	1929-1931
W.E. WATKINS	1931-1932
J.A. GALLION	1932-1934
T.W. ARROWOOD	1934-1937
J.A. SEAMAN	1937-1938
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1938-1939
HENRY SPROUSE	1939-1958
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1958-1967
RAY DEAN ARROWOOD	1967-1969
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1969-1970
HENRY SPROUSE	1970-1973
RAY DEAN ARROWOOD	1973-1974
LUCILLE ARROWOOD	1974-1978
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1978-1981
ROY SUMLIN	1981-PRESENT

TRUSTEES OF MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

DEWEY ARROWOOD

RAY DEAN ARROWOOD

JAMES GALLION

GATHER RHOM

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS:

NO RECORD	1887-1899
J.A. GALLION	1899
NO RECORD	1900-1905
J.A. GALLION	1905
NO RECORD	1906
J.A. GALLION	1907
J.A. BIRD	1908
B.E. WATKINS	1909-1911
J.A. GALLION	1911
J.M. WATKINS	1912
T.T. WISE	1913
G.F. RHOM	1914
J.A. GALLION	1915
B.E. WATKINS	1916
G.F. RHOM	1917
J.W. WISE	1918
I.T. WISE	1919
NO RECORD	1920
J.A. GALLION	1921
NO RECORD	1922
A.A. SAWYER	1923
T.W. ARROWOOD	1924-1926
NO RECORD	1926-1928
W.B. SEAMAN	1928
M.B. WATKINS	1929

J.A. GALLION	1930
J.W. WISE	1931
J.A. GALLION	1932
NO RECORD	1933
T.W. ARROWOOD	1934
LUCILLE GALLION	1935
T.W. ARROWOOD	1936
J.H. SPROUSE	1937-1960
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1960-1970
HENRY SPROUSE	1970-1973
DEWEY ARROWOOD	1973-1975
HENRY SPROUSE	1975
CLARENCE PERDIEU	1976-PRESENT

THERE HAVE BEEN MAY CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS WHO HAVE LABORED IN THE CHURCH DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT RECORDED IN THIS HISTORY, BUT TO ALL THESE WHO HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, THEIR NAMES ARE RECORDED IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE WHERE IT COUNTS THE MOST, AND THESE WILL BE REWARDED ACCORDING TO THE DEEDS DONE IN THE BODY, AND ALSO TO THE LAYMAN WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE CHURCH WITH THEIR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THEIR PHYSICAL LABORS WHERE NEEDED, AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THEY HAVE DONE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH, SHALL HAVE THEIR PROMISED REWARD, AS ALSO THOSE WHO WORKED FAITHFULLY IN TRAINING UNION AND W.M.U WILL RECEIVE THEIR REWARD.

CHURCH FINANCES:

OFFERINGS WERE NOT TAKEN UP AT THE REGULAR CHURCH MEETINGS, BUT IT WAS FOUND THAT THE CHURCH WOULD APPOINT A COMMITTEE FROM TIME TO TIME TO COLLECT MONEY TO CARRY ON THE CHURCH'S WORK. ONE SUCH COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1911. "APPOINTED BROTHERS I.T. WISE, GEORGE WATKINS, AND H.E. WATKINS AS COLLECTING COMMITTEE TO COLLECT PASTOR'S SALARY AND ALL CHURCH EXPENSES, AND THAT THEY SHOULD WORK IN COOPERATION WITH TREASURER."

ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE COLLECTOR'S RECORD THAT WAS FOUND, THE NAMES OF PERSONS AND AMOUNT DONATED WOULD BE RECORDED BY THE COLLECTOR. ONE EXAMPLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

FOR PASTOR DECEMBER 1918

CARL RHOM	.10
W.W. DIXON	.50
M.M. RUMFELT	.25
E.D. WATKINS	.30
B.E. WATKINS	.25
R.L. RHOM	.25
G.E. RHOM	.25
GARLIN SUTTLES	.25
J.A. RADFORD	.50
G.F. RHOM	.50
W.E. WATKINS	.45
T.C. McDANIELS	5.00
C.W. SPROUSE	.25

J.M. ARROWOOD	.50
DAVID ARROWOOD	.25

\$9.60

PAID PASTOR FOR DECEMBER 1918

ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE OLD TIMERS, THE CHURCH WOULD GIVE IN ADDITION TO MONEY WHAT THEY CALLED A POUNDING. ONE MIGHT GIVE SOME FLOUR, ANOTHER SOME MEAT, ANOTHER SOME CANNED OR DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, AND SUCH OTHER THINGS AS THE PASTOR COULD USE THAT THEY COULD SHARE WITH HIM.

YEARLY CHURCH EXPENSES INCLUDING PASTORS'S SALARY:

YEAR	AMOUNT
1907	\$ 87.43
1908	NO RECORD
1909	\$255.64
1910	\$106.00
1911	\$ 80.47
1912	NO RECORD
1913	\$ 82.30
1914	\$135.75
1915	\$129.32
1916	\$105.30
1917	\$141.39
1918	\$171.74

THIS IS ONLY A PARCEL LIST BUT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO GIVE AN IDEA OF HOW HARD MONEY WAS TO COME BY IN THE

DAYS OF THE OLD TIMERS. THE RECORDS SHOW THAT MONEY WAS MADE UP FOR MISSIONS TO HELP THE POOR, FOR ORPHANAGE, FOR ROUND HILL ACADEMY, ETC. ALSO A MOTION WAS MADE APRIL 1, 1914 TO ORGANIZE A WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMORIAL:

IT WAS DECIDED IN CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 3, 1910, THAT SOME OF THE MINUTE BOOK SHOULD BE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MEMBERS DECEASED, "THEN MOTION TO DEDICATE A PART OF OUR MINUTE BOOK TO THE MEMORY OF SOME OF OUR DECEASED." THE FOLLOWING IS ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS:

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 8, 1916

WHEREAS IT HAS PLEASED THE ALMIGHTY IN HIS ALWISE PROVIDENCE TO REMOVE FROM OUR MIDST TO HIS HEAVENLY HOME, OUR BELOVED BROTHER AMBROS T. ARROWOOD.

WHEREAS THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH RECOGNIZE THE FACT BROTHER AMBROS WAS DURING HIS LIFE, A MOST FAITHFUL MEMBER AND TRUE CHRISTIAN, AND AN ARDENT WORKER IN HIS MASTER'S VINEYARD.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHILE WE BOW TO THE DECREE AND WILL OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, IT IS WITH UNFEIGNED SORROW THAT WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR FRIEND AND BROTHER.

RESOLVED THAT BY HIS UNTIMELY DEATH, WE HAVE LOST A WORTHY MEMBER WHOSE EARNEST ENDEAVORS WERE AT ALL TIMES EXERTED TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH AND TO HELP THE CAUSE ON.

RESOLVED THAT WE SHALL ALWAYS REVERE HIS MEMORY AND IT SHALL ALWAYS BE DEAR TO OUR HEARTS, AND THAT AS A TOKEN OF OUR LOVE THAT THESE RESOLUTIONS SHALL BE PLACED UPON OUR RECORDS AND EVER KEPT BY OUR CHURCH, AND THAT A COPY THEREOF BE PRESENTED TO HIS BEREAVED RELATIVES.

WE ALSO FURTHER RESOLVE THAT WE WILL SEND A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS TO MARION PROGRESS PUBLISHING COMPANY FOR PUBLICATION.

R.L. LIMERICK MODERATOR

I.T. WISE CHURCH CLERK

SOME EXCERPTS AND IDEAS TAKEN FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS ON HOW THE OLD TIMERS OPERATED:

THE CHURCH RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE OLD TIMERS WERE STRICT IN THEIR OBSERVANCE OF THE CHURCH RULES. FROM TIME TO TIME A CALL OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH WOULD BE MADE DURING CONFERENCE, AND SOMETIMES THE RECORD WOULD SHOW THAT ALL WERE IN GOOD STANDING AS FAR AS WAS KNOWN, AND SOMETIMES THE RECORDS SHOWS THAT SOME WERE NOT IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE CHURCH.

ON FEBRUARY 6, 1909 A MEETING WAS HELD WHICH "THE CLERK TO TAKE NAMES OF MALE MEMBERS THAT DON'T COME UP TO THE HELP OF THE CHURCH, OR PAYS LITTLE OR NO ATTENTION TO THE CHURCH WORK." ON JUNE 5, 1909, THE RECORD SHOWS THAT EIGHTEEN PEOPLE WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE

CHURCH AND ONE WAS RESTORED.

SOMETIMES A COMMITTEE WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE CHURCH TO GO AND TALK TO MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT THOUGHT TO BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE CHURCH. ON AUGUST 16, 1912, ONE SUCH COMMITTEE REPORTED ITS FINDINGS TO THE CHURCH, AND AS A RESULT, ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE CHURCH, AND THE NAMES OF EIGHT MORE WERE GIVEN TO BE DEALT WITH AT A LATER MEETING. "THEN ADJOURNED TO MEET AUGUST 17, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A FEW DAYS MEETING. THIS MEETING CONTINUED FOR FIFTEEN DAYS WITH THE RESULT THAT THERE WAS THIRTY FOUR CONVERTS, AND THIRTY EIGHT ADDED TO THE CHURCH."

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING REVIVAL, OR WHAT THE OLD TIMERS CALLED A PROTRACTED MEETING TOOK PLACE: "MACEDONIA CHURCH AUGUST 4, 1909. SERVICE BY B.B. HARRIS - THE MEETING PROTRACTED, LASTING TWENTY DAYS. IT RESULTING TO A GREAT SUCCESS, MANY HEARTS WAS MADE TO REJOICE IN HAPPINESS. THE CHURCH WAS GREATLY REVIVED, THERE WAS THIRTY TWO BAPTIZED. B.B. HARRIS MODERATOR B.E. WATKINS CHURCH CLERK"

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE TO VOTE IN ANY BUSINESS MEETING:

DURING CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1911, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS MADE. "ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY MEETING SHOULD VOTE IN ANY BUSINESS THAT IS BROUGHT BEFORE THAT BODY, EITHER YA, OR NA, AND FURTHER THAT IF

ANY MEMBER FAILS TO DO SO, THE SHALL SATISFY THE CHURCH THAT THE HAD A GOOD CAUSE FOR SO FAILING."

CONFERENCE WERE HELD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BACK IN THOSE DAYS, APPARENTLY LITTLE OR NO BUSINESS WAS DONE ON SUNDAY.

DURING A MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 1914, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE CHURCH RULES WERE TO BE READ TO ANYONE APPLYING FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, "THERE WAS A MOVE TO HAVE RULES READ TO EACH APPLICANT THAT WISHES TO JOIN THE CHURCH; SO THAT THE COULD KNOW WHAT OUR RULES WAS."

THIS POEM WAS FOUND RECORDED IN ONE OF THE OLDEST RECORD BOOKS AVAILABLE.

JOHN ADKIN'S FAREWELL

POOR DRUNKARDS, POOR DRUNKARDS TAKE WARNING BY ME,
THE FRUIT OF TRANSGRESSION BEHOLD NOW I SEE. MY SOUL IS
TORMENTED, MY BODY CONFINED, MY FRIENDS AND DEAR
CHILDREN LEFT WEEPING BEHIND.

MUCH INTOXICATION, MY RUIN HAS BEEN, AND MY DEAR
COMPANION, I BARBAROUSLY SLAIN, IN YONDER COLD GRAVEYARD
HER BODY DOTH LIE.

A SOLEMN DEATH WARNING TO DRUNKARDS I LEAVE, WHILE
MY BODY LIES COLD IN THE GRAVE. REMEMBER JOHN ADKINS,
HIS DEATH AND REFORM, LEST JUSTICE OVERTAKE YOU AND
SORROW COMES ON.

A WHOLE LIFE OF SORROW CAN NEVER ATONE FOR THAT
CRUEL MURDER THAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE. I AM JUSTLY
CONDEMNED TIS RIGHT I SHOULD DIE, THEREFORE, LET ALL
DRUNKARDS TAKE WARNING HEREBY.

FAREWELL DEAR CHILDREN WHERE EVER YOU BE, THOUGH
QUITE YOUNG AND TENDER AND DEAR TO ME, I LEAVE YOU
EXPOSED IN NATURE'S WIDE FIELD IN WHICH GOD IS ABLE POOR
ORPHANS TO SHIELD.

NO MOTHER TO TEACH YOU, NO FATHER TO GUIDE YOUR
TENDER AFFECTIONS FROM SIN'S AWFUL TIDES. NO PORTION TO
SHUN YOU FROM HUNGER AND COLD; MY POOR LITTLE ORPHANS

ARE CAST ON THE WORLD.

WHEN SORROW'S OPPRESS YOU AND SICKNESS COME, YOU
WILL CRY FOR YOUR MOTHER, BUT, OH SHE IS GONE. YOUR
FATHER IN ANGER STRUCK HER ON THE HEAD; SHE BLEED,
GROANED, AND LANGUISHED, AND NOW SHE IS DEAD.

MY HEART SWELLS WITH SORROW, MY EYES OVERFLOW,
SOON, OH MY CHILDREN, I WILL BID YOU ADIEU, OH MY KIND
NEIGHBORS, YOUR GUARDIAN PROVE, AND HEAVEN, SWEET HEAVEN
PROTECT ABOVE.

MY SOUL TO HIS PLEASURE I HUMBLY SUBMIT, AND WITH
MY LOST BURDENS FALL DOWN AT HIS FEET, TO PLEAD FOR HIS
MERCY THAT FALLS FROM ABOVE, THAT PARDONS POOR DRUNKARDS
AND CROWNS THEM WITH LOVE.

ROBERT RHOM

TAKEN FROM THE FIRST 50 YEARS, 1929-1979 HISTORY OF THE
BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

THE PLACE OF THIS HISTORY

IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE ONCE WAS THE WESTERN MOST POST OF WHITE MAN'S SETTLEMENTS, WITH A FORT IN THE PLACE WHERE THE TOWN OF OLD FORT IS NOW LOCATE: FIRST A FORT FOR THE CATAWBA INDIANS AS PROTECTION AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF THE CHEROKEES, AND LATER A WHITE MAN'S FORT AGAINST THE CHEROKEE INDIANS, AND, NEAR THE HOME OF THE WORLD FAMOUS, BILLY GRAHAM, AND THE WONDERFUL RIDGECREST BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER, LIES THE COUNTY OF McDOWELL. IN THIS COUNTY AND IN THE NEARBY COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE, FORTY TWO WONDERFUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES ARE LOCATED WHICH MAKE UP THE BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE FIFTY YEARS THAT THESE CHURCHES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO PREACH THE GOSPEL AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH OUR GREAT MISSIONARY PROGRAM, AND TO MINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE MAN.

MANY OF THESE CHURCHES WERE ORGANIZED IN THE EARLY AND LATE EIGHTEEN HUNDREDS, BETHEL BEING THE OLDEST, ORGANIZED NEAR 1800, AND SEVERAL HAVE COME INTO EXISTENCE SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, AND SOME SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF 1929.

THE SHORT HISTORIES OF OUR CHURCHES THAT APPEAR IN THIS HISTORY DO NOT TELL ALL THE STORY OF THE PRAYERS, STRUGGLES, AND WORK OF MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD OVER THESE YEARS. SOULS HAVE BEEN WON TO JESUS CHRIST, CHRISTIAN HOMES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN CALLED INTO GREATER CHRISTIAN SERVICE, BECAUSE OF THESE CHURCHES. MANY, IN TIMES OF JOY AND SORROW, HAVE BEEN MINISTERED UNTO DURING THESE YEARS, AND WE HAVE HAD A PART IN SENDING, PRAYING FOR, AND SUPPORTING OUR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD; ALSO IN HELPING TO CARE FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AND OUR OLDER PEOPLE AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.

GREEN RIVER - OUR MOTHER ASSOCIATION

GREEN RIVER WAS ORGANIZED IN 1840 FROM A PART OF THE BROAD RIVER ASSOCIATION THAT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1800. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE TOLD, THERE WERE ONLY THREE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN McDOWELL COUNTY: BETHEL, BETHLEHEM, AND NEW BETHANY (NOW OLD FORT FIRST BAPTIST).

IN 1852 THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION INCLUDED ALL THE TERRITORY OF POLK, RUTHERFORD, AND McDOWELL COUNTIES. IT WAS COMPOSED OF TWENTY NINE CHURCHES WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 1,667. THERE WERE NO SUNDAY SCHOOLS, NO MISSIONARY SOCIETIES, NO B.Y.P.U., TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$28.31.

J.M. WEBB WAS THE FIRST MODERATOR AND J.C. GRAYSON WAS THE FIRST CLERK.

IN 1890 A NUMBER OF CHURCHES FROM POLK AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES WITHDREW TO HELP ORGANIZE THE SANDY RUN ASSOCIATION.

THE REVEREND C.B. JUSTICE WAS A MOVING INFLUENCE IN THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION AND WAS A MISSIONARY TO McDOWELL COUNTY. A COLLECTION OF \$100.00 WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WORK HE WAS DOING. ELDER JUSTICE WAS BORN IN HENDERSON COUNTY IN 1836, DIED IN 1909, BEING SEVENTY-THREE YEARS OLD. HE FIRST JOINED THE PROVIDENCE CHURCH IN THE UNION ASSOCIATION. THIS CHURCH BECAME THE MOUNTAIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH. HE LATER JOINED RUTHERFORDTON FIRST, WHERE HE WAS LATER TO

BECOME THE PASTOR AND SERVED FOR FORTY YEARS. HE WAS MARRIED TO MISS ELIZABETH HIGGINS OF McDOWELL COUNTY. ELEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM. HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF ROUND HILL ACADEMY. ELDER JUSTICE BAPTIZED ELDER G.P. BOSTIC, WHO BECAME A MISSIONARY TO CHINA, INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF FLOYD'S CREEK CHURCH. C.B. JUSTICE WAS THE FIRST PASTOR OF MARION FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1863.

IN THE MINUTES OF THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1864, CONCERNING THE MEETING IN THE DYSARTSVILLE MEETING HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1864, WE FIND THIS REPORT. "THE CHURCH AT BETHEL SAYS THAT, IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE WAR, THE HARDNESS OF TIMES, AND LARGE AMOUNT OF TAX TO PAY, SOME OF THE MEMBERS HAVE HAD THEIR FRUIT DISTILLED, BELIEVING THAT THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, AND PAY THEIR TAXES WITHOUT IT, AND NOW ASK THIS ASSOCIATION FOR ADVICE IN PREMISES; IN ANSWER TO WHICH WE SAY, DISTILLING, VENDING AND DRINKING SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS IS THE GREATEST EVIL THE CHURCHES HAVE TO CONTEND WITH, THEREFORE, WE ADVISE THAT CHURCH TO EXCLUDE THOSE MEMBERS UNLESS THEY ABANDON THE PRACTICE ENTIRELY."

ALSO THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON "TEMPERANCE" WAS GIVEN BY J.M. WHITESIDES, CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE: "AFTER A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF ALL CHURCHES, WE FIND THAT NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAVE SOME MEMBERS THAT HAVE MADE SOME SPIRITS FOR MEDICINE; BUT ARE GLAD TO FIND THAT MOST OF

THE CHURCHES ARE ENDEAVORING TO CARRY OUT THE RESOLUTION AS PASSED IN SIXTY THREE."

PIONEER PREACHERS

SOME OF THE PREACHERS FROM GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION AND McDOWELL COUNTY THAT HAD A PART IN ORGANIZING CHURCHES AND THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION: D.J. HUNT, B.B. HARRIS, C.B. JUSTICE, A.B. MASHBURN, A.P. SORRELS, D.P. LOUDERMILK, W.F. McMAHAN, HOGAN JUSTICE, AND MANY OTHERS, AND LAYMEN NOT A FEW. PERMINTER MORGAN CAME TO McDOWELL COUNTY AROUND 1800 AND ORGANIZED BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, THE OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCH IN McDOWELL COUNTY.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

THE BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CAME INTO EXISTENCE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1929, WHEN CHURCHES OF McDOWELL COUNTY MET AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN MARION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A NEW ASSOCIATION. LETTERS FROM GREEN RIVER, THE MOTHER ASSOCIATION, WERE PRESENTED.

SITTING AS A PRESBYTERY WERE THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES: D.J. HUNT, R.L. SHIRLEY, W.R. BEACH, JOHN ARCH McMILLIAN, W.M. GILMORE. THESE MEN RECEIVED THE LETTERS AND BY VOTE OF THE BODY THE BLUE RIDGE

ASSOCIATION WAS DULY ORGANIZED. THE FOLLOWING TWENTY ONE CHURCHES BROUGHT LETTERS AND WERE PRINTED IN THE FIRST MINUTES IN 1929: BETHLEHEM, BROOKSIDE, CHAPEL HILL, CHERRY SPRINGS, CLEAR CREEK, CLINCHFIELD, CROSS MILL, DYSARTSVILLE, EAST MARION, GARDEN CREEK, GREENLEE, HARMONY GROVE, MARION FIRST, NEBO, NORTH COVE, OLD FORT, PEPPERS CREEK, SUNNYVALE, TURKEY COVE, WOODLAWN AND ZION HILL.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: MODERATOR, W.T. MORGAN, MARION; VICE MODERATOR, C.L. TAYLOR, OLD FORT; CLERK, A.A. WALKER, MARION; ASSISTANT CLERK, LEROY SILVER, MARION; TREASURER, H.R. EARLY, OLD FORT; HISTORIAN, W.R. BURLESON, MARION.

MODERATOR, W.T. MORGAN, APPOINTED TWO COMMITTEES, ONE TO EXAMINE THE CREDENTIALS OF CHURCHES WISHING ADMITTANCE, CONSISTING OF C.L. TAYLOR, G.G. PENDERGRASS, E.W. PARKER, AND A COMMITTEE TO PRESENT A CONSTITUTION CONSISTING OF A.A. WALKER, W.F. McMAHAN, J.A. JIMERSON. J.A. JIMERSON READ TO THE ASSEMBLY THE CONSTITUTION WHICH WAS ADOPTED. SEEING THE NEED FOR A COVENANT, IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE COVENANT USED BY THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION.

AS A MATTER OF A NAME, TWO NAMES WERE PRESENTED FOR A VOTE: McDOWELL COUNTY AND BLUE RIDGE. BLUE RIDGE WON UNANIMOUSLY.

A NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED CONSISTING OF W.H. TAYLOR, J.L. NICHOLS, G.B. WOODY, ROY BURLESON,

J.L. MARTIN.

SECRETARY, W.M. GILMORE PRESENTED THE MATTER OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

A.A. WALKER WAS APPOINTED TO BEAR THE GREETINGS OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION TO THE GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION AT THE SESSION MEETING WITH MT. VERNON.

A VERY HELPFUL ADDRESS WAS MADE BY D.J. HUNT OF THE MOTHER ASSOCIATION TO THE NEW ASSOCIATION.

MRS. J.L. MORGAN GAVE A REPORT ON THE WOMAN'S WORK FOLLOWING THE CALL MEETING HELD JUST AFTER LUNCH IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: PRESIDENT, MRS. J.L MORGAN, MARION; VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. R.A. HUGHES, OLD FORT; SECRETARY, MRS. B.Y. ALLISON, OLD FORT; PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN, MRS. A.F. WAGNER, MARION. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE W.M.U. WAS TO BE AT NEBO.

A MOTION WAS PRESENTED BY W.T. MORGAN AND CARRIED THAT THE ASSOCIATION MEET ON EACH FIFTH SUNDAY FOR A SERVICE TO BE PLANNED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

C.L. TAYLOR, P.D. MANGUM, AND A.A. WALKER WERE APPOINTED TO APPLY TO THE STATE CONVENTION AT SHELBY FOR ADMITTANCE OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION.

C.E. GILLIAM REPORTED FOR THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE IN HIS MOST GENIAL WAY, THREE RESOLUTIONS, ONE IN APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF THE CLERK, ANOTHER IN APPRECIATION OF THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE MARION FIRST CHURCH, AND YET ANOTHER IN APPRECIATION OF THE

HELPPFULNESS OF THE STATE WORKERS AND VISITORS WHO DID SO MUCH TO MAKE THE FIRST SESSION A SUCCESS.

IN 1929 THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO ALL PASTORS OF TWENTY ONE CHURCHES FOR A YEAR WAS \$17,812.01, TOTAL GIFTS TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM: \$931.33, TOTAL GIFTS TO MISSIONS: \$2,737.14 AND TOTAL GIFTS FOR ALL PURPOSES: \$20,549.15.

THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: W.L. LONON, W.H. TAYLOR, R.O. WILSON, G.B. WOODY, W.R. CHAMBERS, C.L. TAYLOR, P.D. MANGUM, H.H. JUSTICE, J.L. MARTIN, W.F. McMAHAN AND A.A. WALKER.

THE COVENANT

THE COVENANT OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION WAS ADOPTED
IN 1929 AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. WE BELIEVE IN ONE ONLY AND TRUE GOD, AND
THAT THERE ARE THREE PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD: THE
FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST, AND THESE ARE ONE
IN SUBSTANCE AND EQUAL IN POWER AND GLORY.

ARTICLE II. WE BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES OF OLD AND NEW
TESTAMENTS ARE THE WORD OF GOD, AND THE ONLY RULE OF
FAITH AND PRACTICE.

ARTICLE III. WE BELIEVE IN THE DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL
SIN.

ARTICLE IV. WE BELIEVE IN MAN'S IMPOTENCY TO RECOVER
HIMSELF FROM THE FALLEN STATE, HE IS IN BY HIS OWN FREE
WILL AND ABILITY.

ARTICLE V. WE BELIEVE THAT SINNERS ARE JUSTIFIED IN THE
SIGHT OF GOD ONLY THROUGH THE IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS OF
JESUS CHRIST.

ARTICLE VI. WE BELIEVE THE SAINTS SHALL PERSEVERE IN
GRACE, AND THAT THEY NEVER SHALL FINALLY FALL AWAY.

ARTICLE VII. WE BELIEVE THAT BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S
SUPPER ARE ORDINANCES INSTITUTED BY CHRIST, AND THAT
TRUE BELIEVERS ARE THE ONLY PROPER SUBJECTS THEREOF.

ARTICLE VIII. WE BELIEVE THAT IMMERSION IS THE ONLY
SCRIPTURAL MODE OF BAPTISM.

ARTICLE IX. WE BELIEVE THAT NO PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO

ADMINISTER THE ORDINANCES BUT SUCH AS ARE REGULARLY
CALLED AND QUALIFIED THERE TO.

ARTICLE X. WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD,
AND A GENERAL JUDGEMENT: THAT THE PUNISHMENT OF THE
WICKED SHALL BE EVERLASTING AND THE JOYS OF THE
RIGHTEOUS ETERNAL.

ARTICLE XI. WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE
ASSOCIATION, AGREEING TO THE ARTICLES OF FAITH, DO, FOR
AND BEHALF OF THE CHURCHES WHICH WE REPRESENT, COVENANT
AND AGREE AND GIVE OURSELVES UP TO EACH OTHER IN CHURCH
AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, IN ORDER TO KEEP UP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BONDS OF PEACE AND TO ASSIST EACH
OTHER IN ALL MATTERS OF DISTRESS AND TO PRAY FOR EACH
OTHERS PROSPERITY.

THE CONSTITUTION

THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS WAS ADOPTED IN 1929:

- 1- NAME: THIS BODY SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION.
- 2- OBJECT: THE GENERAL OBJECT OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING OUT OF THE GREAT COMMISSION, MATTHEW 28:19-20. DETAILED OBJECTIVES SHALL BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- 3- MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION: THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SUCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES AS SHALL ORGANIZE SAME, AND AS SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY DELEGATES SELECTED BY SAME UPON THE FOLLOWING BASIS. CHURCHES WITH A HUNDRED MEMBERS OR LESS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO DELEGATES WITH ONE ADDITIONAL FOR EACH HUNDRED MEMBERS OR FRACTIONAL PART THEREOF, PROVIDED NO CHURCH SHALL HAVE MORE THAN FIVE DELEGATES. ORDAINED MINISTERS AND OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE DELEGATES EX OFFICIO.

OFFICERS

- 4- OFFICERS: THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A MODERATOR, VICE-MODERATOR, TREASURER, HISTORIAN, AND A CLERK, ELECTED AT EACH ANNUAL SESSION. THERE SHALL BE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SIX LAYMEN AND SIX MINISTERS TOGETHER WITH THE MODERATOR WHO SHALL ALWAYS BE THE

CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE, ELECTED AT EACH ANNUAL SESSION. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE ALL MATTERS COMING BEFORE IT BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT AFTER PERSONAL NOTICE FROM THE MODERATOR, OR THE MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE CALLING THE MEETING, PROVIDED THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MAY AT ANY TIME CALL A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO RECONSIDER OR TO CONSIDER ANEW ANY MATTER UPON THE FAILURE OF THE MODERATOR TO CALL A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AT THE REQUEST OF ANY MEMBER.

5- TIME OF MEETING: THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL MEET ANNUALLY ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN EACH OCTOBER, SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IF CONDITIONS DEMAND.

AMENDMENTS: THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY REGULAR SESSION BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE DELEGATES PRESENT.

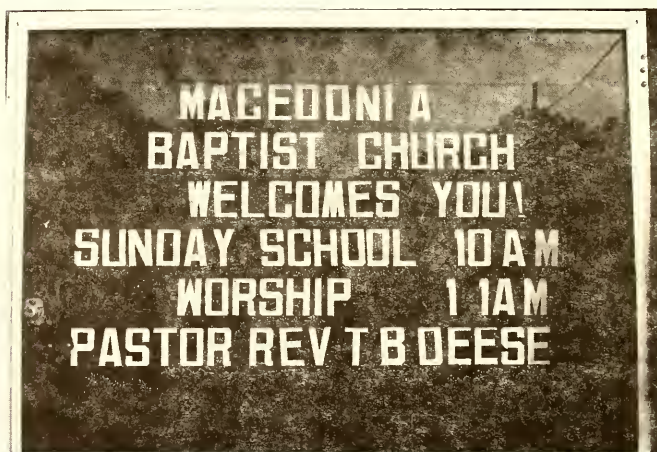
HISTORY COMMITTEE
JAMES A. GALLION
MRS. BETTY RUMFELT



Sign on Vein Mtn. Highway



Macedonia Baptist Church



Sign in Church Yard



Macedonia Baptist Church & Fellowship Hall



Fellowship Hall



Baptistery

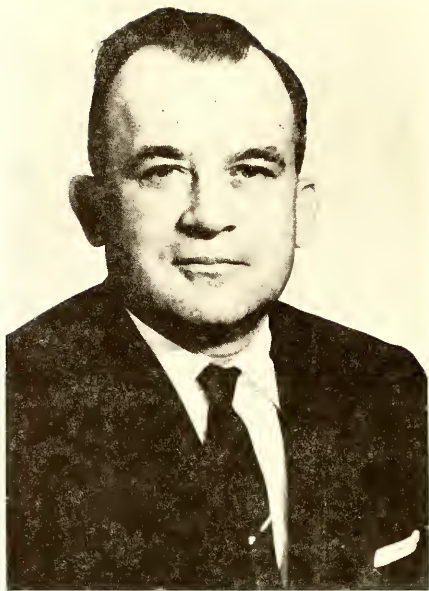


Cemetery of Macedonia



T. B. Deese
1979 - Present





Richard Porter
1977 - 1979



J. D. Plemmons
1974 - 1977



Sam Pless
1971 - 1974



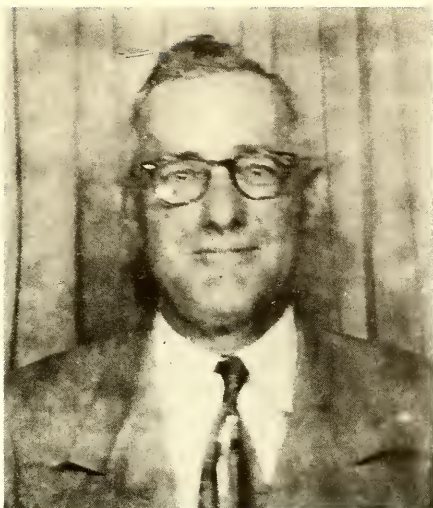
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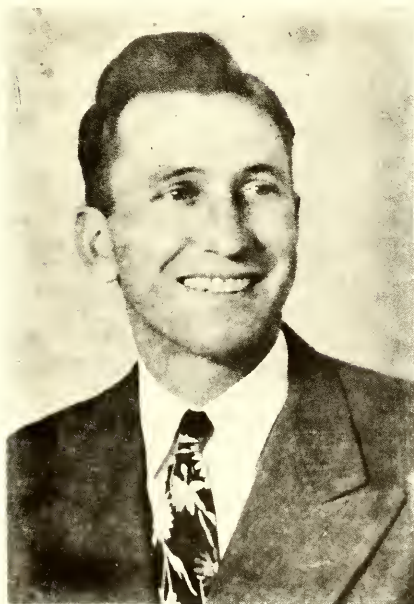
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1969 - 1971



Roscoe Huntley
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J. J. Guffey
1946 - 1952



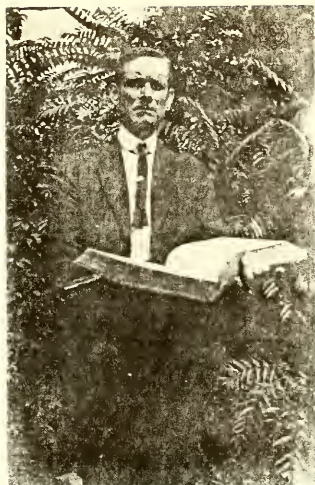
Wade Ruff
1942 - 1946



D. W. Hodge
1936 - 1942



M. V. Snipes
1931 - 1935



J. W. Wise
1923 - 1924



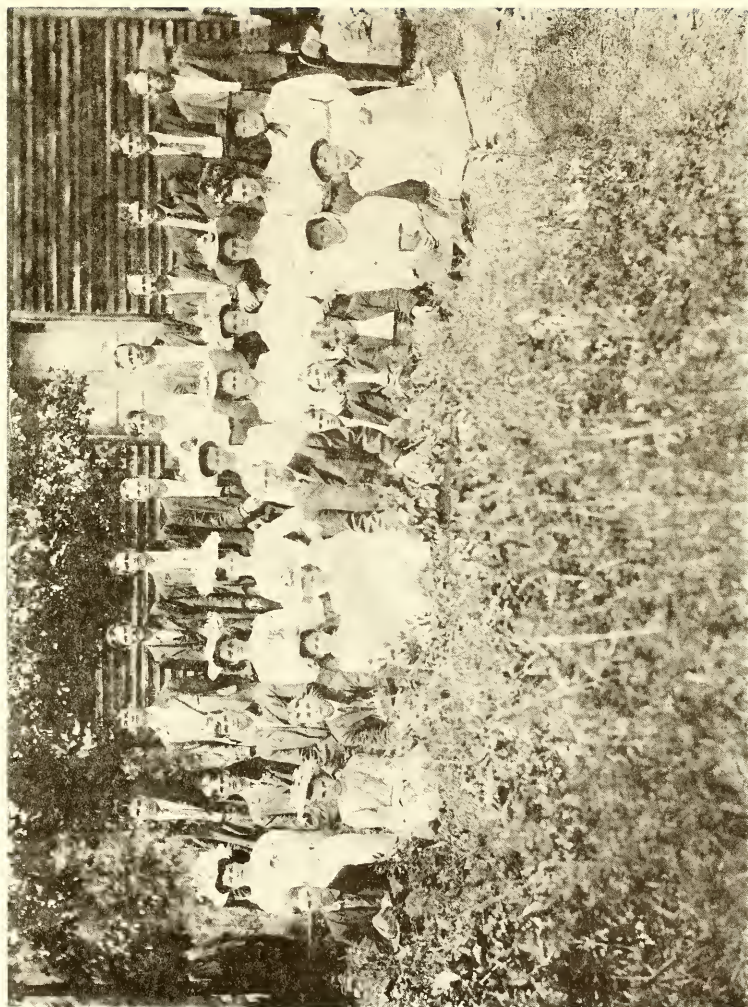
J. L. Hodge
1917 - 1923
1924 - 1925



B. B. Harris
1908 - 1914



Young People's Sunday School
Class of 1952



Rev. B. B. Harris 1908 - 1914
Candidates for Baptism

PICTURES NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING

A.B. MASHBURN
1887 - 1908

A.L. LIMERICK
1914 - 1917

W.R. WHITE
1925 - 1928

J.H. SMITH
1928 - 1929

H.C. CULBRETH
1929 - 1931

R.R. COOKE
1935 - 1936

DAVID CHATHAM
1952 - 1953

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